Mr. **President:** I suggest that the answer is that larger stocks of foodstuffs have to be stocked.

Mr. **V. K. Bhaskara** Menon *(Cranganur:)*: That is what I wanted to know.

Mr. President—That is self evident.

Mr. **K. Narayana** Menon *(Mulakkunnathukavu)*: It is stated here that officers are also appointed for the procurement of pulses from Hyderabad and purchase of jaggery from Madras Province. Are these officers continuing there.

Rao Sahib M. M. **Paul** *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. They are continuing.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakkunnathukavu)*: May I know what their functions acre?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: They are procuring pulses.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakkunnathukavu)*: Do they purchase direct or do the local Governments purchase and hand it over to them?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In Hyderabad there is a Government controlled Corporation. They sell it to us. The officers has to inspect it, arrange booking, etc.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: So also in Madras in regard to jaggery?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. Jaggery and rice.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We have got only generally one shop in one Panchayat area. On the whole there are about 100 shops. These shops are necessary because generally we find that retailers are unwilling to stock commodities on which they get only a small margin of profit. These are the institutions where all commodities are easily stocked and sold. Again, in some cases when we take desciplinary action the retailers show a tendency to suddenly withdraw from business and in such cases for emergent arrangements to be done for catering to all the cards these Fair Price Shops are necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Do you take security from them?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Security can be taken, but they don't care much about it. Inconvenience is felt and no risk can be taken. Again, with regard to certain commodities which are scarce, *viz.*, things like sugar, these are to be handled through Government agencies in the shops. For that also the existence of the shops is necessary. Their abolition is not desirable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I don't press the motion.

Demands put and carried

101. Rs. 3,150 under "23—Medical Proper—Bedding and Clothing"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,150 under "23—Medical—1—Medical Proper—Bedding and Clothing". The allotment under this head was not found sufficient to enable the Government to give uniforms to all the servants and an additional sum of Rs. 3,150 is needed. I request the House may be pleased to grant this sum.

Demand put and carried

102. Rs. 1,000 under "23—Medical—2—Mental Hospital—Miscellaneous"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "23-Medical—2—Mental Hospital—Miscellaneous". This is necessary on account of the increase in the cost of articles. The budgetted allotment was not sufficient. I request the House may be pleased to grant this additional allotment.

Demand put and carried

103. Rs. 300 under "17—Medical—Miscellaneous (Cranganur)"

104. Rs. 10 under "17—Medical—Travelling Allowance—(Craganur)"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Sir, I move for additional allotments of Rs. 300 under "17— ledical—Miscellaneous—(Cranganur)" and Rs. 10 under "17—Medical—Travelling Allowance (Cranganur)". I request the House may be pleased to grant these allotments.

Demands put and carried

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